

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

September 24, 2001

5:00 PM

Due to the absence of Chairman Clancy, the Clerk called the meeting to order.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to elect Alderman Sysyn as Chairman Pro-tem.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Pariseau, Sysyn, Hirschmann, Vaillancourt

Absent: Alderman Clancy

Messrs: D. Waldecker, J. Taylor, S. Lewry, Lt. Lussier

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Discussion with Mr. Waldecker regarding parking garages, prepay validation, etc. as it relates to civic center events.

Alderman Pariseau asked is this in relation to what we already voted on.

Chairman Sysyn answered somewhere we did vote but we need to amend it. The way it stands now, you will have to hire extra help at night and if you don't prepay when those people come out it will be like a stampede don't you think? There has to be a way you can hand out a different ticket to the people who just want to go shopping. There are not that many but you could give them a different ticket. David, could you explain it?

Mr. Waldecker stated what we do currently is prepay after 6 PM and anybody who needs to go to a retail store we ask them or they tell us that they are going to, for instance, Modern Bride, because that is one of our biggest night time clients and we go ahead and pop a ticket for them and let them in and Modern Bride validates the ticket and they get out for free. I would like to think that we could continue that when the civic center opens. I don't think it will cause too much hardship on the...the last thing we want to do is destroy the people who are here already. I don't think that is our intent. We average about three to four tickets a week validated at the Canal Street garage and none at Victory. Prepaying just has so many pluses to it.

Chairman Sysyn asked, David, you are going to be running the bank parking garage.

Mr. Waldecker answered we hope so.

Chairman Sysyn asked how are you going to do that prepay.

Mr. Waldecker answered we are going to prepay there with no validation.

Alderman O'Neil asked on the lots that are being used like Rubenstein, Pine Street, Hartnett, those are all prepay.

Mr. Waldecker answered yes they are or they will be.

Alderman O'Neil asked do you know about the Center of NH garage.

Mr. Waldecker answered I do believe they are going prepay.

Alderman O'Neil asked but you don't run that one.

Mr. Waldecker answered no we don't.

Chairman Sysyn asked if we amend this does it have to go back to the Civic Center Committee.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered the Civic Center Committee has already taken up these issues once so I would say no but I think that you might want to give them the information prior to it going to the Board. I would just like to be clear about what you would like to do as far as amending because that is in ordinance form at this point. We would really need to...I was not anticipating you doing anything other than discussing the situation so I didn't do any research for you and I don't know if Jim has those ordinances in front of him at this time.

Mr. Hoben replied I believe they all passed.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated they have passed but she is talking about amending them or changing something.

Mr. Hoben stated the last we heard was it was pay on the way out. We met with the Center of NH last week and their system is they pull a ticket when they come in and they ask them if they are going to an event. They all pay on the way out. They are going to stop either way. Either they are going to validate on the way out

or pay but they have to stop. There are three different uses. There is the civic center use, business use and the hotel use.

Alderman Pariseau stated I just don't understand why we would want to change it. I don't know why we bother to have Mr. Waldecker here. Who requested that he be here?

Chairman Sysyn replied I did because he has the expertise and it is his opinion that we should have prepay. He runs your garages and you pay him to run your garages.

Alderman Pariseau responded but where was he during all of the discussions we had prior to this.

Chairman Sysyn stated I believe he is on the traffic study committee with Jay Taylor. That was his advice to them to.

Alderman Pariseau stated but they didn't accept that.

Alderman Hirschmann asked if I drove into a garage and I prepaid and went to my event, could the garage employees go home earlier. Does it save money somehow?

Chairman Sysyn answered yes it does.

Alderman Hirschmann asked so they wouldn't have to wait around for the event to end to do all of this cash out.

Mr. Waldecker answered that is correct.

Chairman Sysyn stated you would have to hire another crew or keep them for overtime because they come in I think at 2 PM and if you had to keep them until 12 AM or 1 AM you are paying overtime.

Alderman Hirschmann asked what are you going to do about the validation.

Chairman Sysyn answered they can punch a ticket out if they say I am not going to the civic center but I am going to Modern Bride or a restaurant or something. They will pull a regular ticket and give it to them. If you only have three or four a night, what is the sense of keeping all of this help around for three tickets for validation?

Alderman Pariseau stated I just don't understand why Jay Taylor's committee never accepted his proposal or brought it to this Committee when we were adopting everything.

Chairman Sysyn replied we have talked about prepay before and nobody was accepting it and I am still pushing for it.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I don't remember talking about it.

Alderman Pariseau stated we had many discussions about it.

Alderman O'Neil stated I think what happened one particular night that I am aware of is we seemed to get a whole package of changes thrown before us and we didn't have a chance to give it a thorough review and then if you may recall we had a number of committees with their hands in it when it should have only been the Traffic Committee and the Civic Center Committee and there were changes back and forth. This is something that I believe in. I mentioned it at the Civic Center Committee. I think the various committees who have worked on this have done an excellent job but I think it is a big mistake if we don't do the prepay. I think the taxpayers of this City already cover the debt service on these garages. Currently under the work of the Traffic Department with Mr. Waldecker's company they are able to pay the operating expenses and I just hate to see the taxpayers have to start paying for the operating expenses of these garages as well. I think prepay is the way to go. If it is wrong, let's change it but I hate...

Alderman Pariseau interjected everything is in place and now we are going to change it. As Alderman O'Neil said we are going to change it and then we can change it back. Why don't we just let it take its course now and then change it? Jay, why didn't the special parking committee make that recommendation?

Mr. Taylor stated this item was discussed at length with the committee and subsequently with committees of the Board and full Board for that matter. The original proposal by the Traffic Department if you recall going way back to the beginning was that we go prepay. There was substantial objection by representatives of the Downtown Merchant's Association with going that route because of their concern about affecting their ability to do business in the evenings. As a result of that and subsequent to that I believe the Mayor met with the Chamber of Commerce and representatives of downtown and it was decided or at least it was recommended that we go back to the post pay and that is what was ultimately adopted. That is on the books at the moment. You didn't ask but my own opinion is that this thing has been changed so many times already that I think we are all confused as to exactly what has been adopted. It seems to me before we keep changing something that we don't even know how is going to work, it makes

more sense to run a few events, see where the problems are and then make adjustments. If we keep changing it before we even get to an event, it seems to me that we are just asking for continued problems. That is where I am coming from.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I just wanted to tell Alderman Pariseau that it made sense to do the prepay because when people are going to the event they have money in their pocket and they are sober. At the end of the night somebody may not be sober and they may not have money in their pocket.

Chairman Sysyn stated, David, it seems to me that you have worked in other cities where they had civic centers. How did they do it in those larger cities?

Mr. Waldecker replied it was all prepay because of that reason.

Alderman Pariseau stated I would just like to say that with the Mayor's Committee on Alcohol or whatever it is I don't think we will have any drunk patrons going into the garages.

Alderman O'Neil stated I don't think anyone here can answer this but my understanding with the concerts down at Singer Park is there are three lots involved. The mills as you come in on Commercial Street, the lot at Singer Park and Rubenstein and my understanding is those are all prepaid. At the end of the event people get in their cars and go. We are not trying to collect money going out the door and the Police Department can unload those three lots in about a half an hour. I think that is what we are talking about here. They get the money and we don't have to have people hanging around the lots to collect money on the way out. I think we should be consistent throughout the City. I think that is the best way to operate these garages.

Alderman Lopez asked if they went to prepay and the parking garage was full would there be any attendant there when the events are done.

Mr. Waldecker answered yes. We would probably keep a security person on hand.

Alderman Lopez asked probably or would.

Mr. Waldecker answered I would recommend it.

Mr. Hoben stated we originally passed or the Board passed to keep these garages open until 1 AM for the downtown merchants and the safety issues. In the last month or so we passed the prepay for every day. We are kind of conflicting with the laws we are passing.

Chairman Sysyn stated they prepay now at the garages.

Mr. Hoben answered right but originally it was supposed to be pay on the way out and open regular hours. That passed during the budget process. There is more of a safety issue for the restaurants getting out and we should have somebody in like the Victory garage and we left it on the table that if there is no use in the garage then they can go home. If there is some use they would stay open.

Alderman O'Neil stated there is use now and no one stays after 10 PM.

Mr. Hoben replied there should be. They are open until 1 AM.

Mr. Waldecker stated we currently go home at 10 PM.

Mr. Hoben replied well it was passed to have them stay open until 1 AM.

Chairman Sysyn responded well they haven't had any problem because there aren't as many people using the garages as there will be when there is a civic center event.

Mr. Hoben replied right. The original thought was from the Mayor's Office and Alderman Lopez to leave them open to get people in.

Alderman O'Neil stated again if we start losing the money in these garages, the taxpayers in the City will pick up those operating expenses. Is that correct?

Mr. Hoben replied yes.

Alderman O'Neil asked and we won't meet the guidelines of raising the other \$200,000 that is needed for other City services for the civic center, correct.

Mr. Hoben answered correct.

Alderman O'Neil stated so we have to make this as efficient as possible so that it doesn't cost the taxpayers any money. I think that what we adopted in having pay on the way out is going to cost the taxpayers of this City money.

Alderman Pariseau asked the City or the National Parking Garage people.

Alderman O'Neil answered the City.

Chairman Sysyn stated the City runs the garages.

Mr. Waldecker stated we don't make any money.

Alderman Hirschmann asked if the garages are kept open until 1 AM is it an additional expense to Mr. Waldecker's firm.

Mr. Waldecker answered no. We just bill you one flat fee a month. The rest of the money is yours.

Alderman Hirschmann asked if we went by the ordinance that Mr. Hoben discussed that fee would increase.

Mr. Waldecker answered no.

Alderman Hirschmann asked so there is no additional cost either way.

Mr. Waldecker answered other than labor.

Alderman O'Neil stated yes it would increase.

Alderman Lopez stated that is why we want prepay.

Alderman Hirschmann replied I just asked and he said no.

Mr. Waldecker responded our fee does not increase, no. You asked if my company's fee increases and it does not.

Alderman Hirschmann asked what about the amount you charge the City.

Mr. Waldecker answered the expenses would increase.

Mr. Hoben stated it would come out of the salary account.

Mr. Taylor stated their management fee doesn't change, but the operational expense of the garage would change. If you hire people for more hours then obviously the garage expenses will change. I think that is what he is trying to say.

Mr. Waldecker replied we just want to get them out of the garage as quickly as possible and we can't do that if we don't prepay. On the flip side, you could have a restaurant customer waiting in line at the same time a hockey game lets out and he would think twice about coming back to eat if he has to wait to exit the garage.

Mayor Baines stated I would like to speak briefly on this issue, especially the history of it. I was a strong advocate for prepay when I started this whole

discussion and what happened was during the discussion a lot of the business owners had a concern if people were going to go to a business in the downtown area that they wouldn't pay that fee to go to a store. That is why this plan ended up this way. A lot of us who were talking about prepay at the end said let's try this other system to protect the downtown businesses that have been here for the long haul and to appreciate the fact that they want clients and customers on civic center event nights. As a result of that, there have been ongoing discussions with the business community involving the Chamber and others to try to figure out the best solution for this. I think during every meeting about 10, 12 or 14 different ideas surfaced and I do believe that Stephanie is going to put forth a suggestion that may accommodate both of the concerns when she has an opportunity to come forward.

Chairman Sysyn stated they do prepay now and what they can do is pull a regular ticket for those people who are shopping downtown. Is that what you are advocating?

Mayor Baines replied yes that is what Stephanie and I advocated.

Chairman Sysyn stated they can still take a ticket like they do now. If I went into the garage and said I was going to Modern Bride, he can pull a ticket because there is somebody there at that time. If you go until after 10 PM you are going to be paying an arm and a leg for salaries.

Mayor Baines replied if that can be worked out it may be a better compromise but I think the other part that Alderman Pariseau was talking about was that even when we do that we may have to revisit it after two or three events and assess the whole situation. I think everybody understands that government will be responsive to their concerns. That is the best we can do. We really do not have any idea how this is truly going to work until we have Aerosmith.

Alderman Hirschmann asked if we keep it the same we would have employees stay later so we wouldn't lose money.

Mayor Baines stated also have a presence in the garage I think is reassuring to a lot of people as well.

Mr. Taylor stated I hate to keep beating this dead horse but on that issue as well we may find that after running two or three events there aren't any cars in there at 1 AM even on an event night in which case logically then you could cut those hours back. Again, it is all based on experience, which none of us have and I think as long as we enter into this in a good faith effort to try to make changes where

they seem reasonable and appropriate, eventually we can strike a balance that will serve everyone's interest.

Chairman Sysyn stated where Mr. Waldecker worked in other communities with civic centers it worked better with prepay. I think we should go that way and then they can pull tickets for the shoppers and validate it. They don't have that many people using the validation now and they would be out by the time the crew leaves at 10 PM.

Alderman Hirschmann asked what is your recommendation.

Chairman Sysyn answered to go with the prepay, let them pull a ticket for the shoppers and let that merchant validate their ticket because they have validation stamps.

Alderman Hirschmann stated and the staff would be there until 1 AM. Make that part of the motion and I will go ahead with it.

Chairman Sysyn asked you want the whole staff there.

Alderman Hirschmann answered to make sure that somebody doesn't just grab a validation and never pay. I want to make sure there is someone there to see the validated ticket or get some money.

Chairman Sysyn stated they will be there until 10 PM. If I go into the garage and I am validated for shopping, I can only use three hours. Three hours should be enough parking time to go shopping.

Alderman Hirschmann stated if someone goes to an event and then they go out to dinner and dancing my clock might say 1 AM, not 10 PM.

Chairman Sysyn replied right because those gates are going to be up after 10 PM but if he sneaks out they should have his number plate on that ticket. If somebody goes out after 10 PM...

Alderman Pariseau interjected can't we just let it go the way we agreed to before this. There is no even an item on the agenda to say that we are going to amend the ordinance that we passed two months ago. It was just for discussion. We had our discussion and let's move on.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I would go along with the prepay.

Chairman Sysyn asked can we just do an amendment Carol.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered you can move to recommend that it be amended and that you are approving a prepay plan and we will do the research and put the report together.

Alderman Vaillancourt moved to amend the ordinance to allow a prepay plan with someone in the garage until 1 AM on civic center event nights.

Mr. Waldecker stated it is typical that you stay an hour after the event ends, whenever that is.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked would you rather make that midnight.

Chairman Sysyn stated let's have Stephanie come up and speak.

Ms. Lewry stated I think we are all talking about the same thing. The more we communicate, I think we are saying that we want the event people to prepay and we want the people who are using the downtown businesses to be able to go in and take a ticket like they always have. I think what we are saying is that we would like to have a dual system. When you go into the garage and you say I am going to the Monarch's game, the attendant will say \$5 please. You have a ticket that says you can get out without having to do anything but show the ticket and he will wave you by. The other person who says I want to go eat at Margaritas and I can't find a parking place then they will be able to pick up a stub, go to Margaritas and when they are through they will exit and pay 50 cents an hour, regular rate. That way, they will be able to pay for what they use and the events people will pay for what they use. We would urge the City to consider having some presence, whether it be police or a garage attendant or something late at night around the areas where people are apt to feel unsafe. I understand that one of the issues with having people come out of a sports game and they are a little inebriated and perhaps they have already spent all of their money and they are causing fights and so forth, well if you don't have an attendant on duty or somebody there, that is going to be even worse for us. I think however we deal with the issue of having a presence, whether it is police or a garage attendant or somebody, I do feel that the City needs to make sure that we all have a safe feeling.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I agree with that.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated well the attendant is not going to have police powers.

Ms. Lewry replied I am not suggesting that the attendant would have police powers, but using a garage myself late a night you just feel comfortable to know

that there is somebody on duty there that if you had to scream they would hear you. In bringing people from out of town into Manchester I do think that we have to provide a comfort feeling for our guests. However you decide to do that, I think it is important that it be there and if we had a dual system...I agree it may not be that we have that many people who use the garages who are shopping or dining downtown. It is possible that they may find parking elsewhere and not in the garage but for those of you who may have to it is just a flexible system and it allows them to not feel like they are being charged a civic center rate when they are not using the civic center for parking.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked what is to prevent somebody from saying I am going to go to a restaurant and not pay the civic center rate and get off by paying \$1.50. what is going to prevent that?

Ms. Lewry answered I think we may have cheaters and if it turns out that we have people who are abusing the system, then we can't use that system. We thought of all different ways people could cheat and if we do have a lot of cheaters I think we have to go to something that is a lot more protective because we can't have them abusing the system like that. I don't think that there is an answer to preventing people from finding a way out.

Alderman O'Neil stated one of the reasons we went through all of the parking changes was to raise revenue to pay for other services. Now we are being asked to add more services because there is a cost...whether it is police officers or employees from National Garages, we are going to pay from 10 PM until midnight or 10 PM until 1AM so that is going to lessen the amount of that \$200,000 that is supposed to...the bottom line with this whole thing is the taxpayers are going to pick up the tab for this.

Alderman Pariseau replied the taxpayers aren't going to pick up the tab, the parking people are.

Alderman O'Neil responded no they won't. We need to raise \$200,000 to pay for additional police services and I have tried to bring this to the attention of my colleagues for a while now. That is my whole issue with this. We would have been better to budget \$200,000 for special projects in our operating budget to pay for these services and not have used the parking system to try to raise money.

Alderman Pariseau stated we are being railroaded. The way this item came on the agenda was for discussion. We have to be up front on what we are being asked to do and not come in and have some guy tell us that we are going to prepay when all activities for the past seven or eight months was the way it was. The ordinances passed.

Alderman Lopez stated I sat in on the Traffic Committee meetings for months on this parking issue and I always wanted prepay myself but I was outvoted and when it came down to it a decision was made. I am only concerned that as Stephanie mentioned the attendant or some security has to be there and I think where you are indicating three or four tickets after 6 PM now I think that if you see that there is a major increase if the Committee decides to send this out as an amendment, if you see a big increase during an event for validation then the system of validation is not working. I don't know what the total guidelines for validation are. If it is anything like the parking lot out here, it is very easy to get a validation. I just wanted to bring that to the Committee's attention. I do believe in prepay and getting the money up front.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I did go to Mass General Hospital to visit my wife who was in there for about 10 days and every day I went to the parking garage I paid upon exit and it didn't matter if it was 2 AM or 5 PM. I am sure it would work on a prepay or exit pay but I do agree with Stephanie's point of having some security and presence when people are coming out of these hockey games. They need a human there. I will go with what the Committee recommends. I do want a human there.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied I would just note that it is 5:40 PM and you are still on Item 1 of the agenda and you do have other parking issues on there. As I understand it, there was a motion made by Alderman Vaillancourt to allow the prepay and have the garage staffed until midnight. There have been concerns raised about the cost of that and so forth. There are two options that the Committee would have. If there is a second to that motion certainly you could take a vote on that or the Committee could table all of these issues and we could come back in two weeks with a meeting strictly for this and perhaps ask Mr. Waldecker to present to you some cost factors so that you understand what it is that the staffing is going to cost you.

Alderman Vaillancourt withdrew his motion.

Alderman Pariseau moved to table this item. Alderman Hirschmann duly seconded the motion.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated the Clerk's Office will schedule all of these parking issues on one evening and at the same time we will ask Mr. Waldecker and Mr. Hoben to get some numbers together for the Committee.

Chairman Sysyn called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from Mr. George Upham requesting to address the committee regarding reconsideration of 3 hour handicapped parking to 6 hours.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I have spoken with Mr. Upham on at least three occasions for time in excess of an hour. He has some very legitimate concerns. I did invite him to be here tonight but he couldn't make it this evening. Maybe we could table this and bring it up again. Is that acceptable?

On motion of Alderman Vaillancourt, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann it was voted to table this item.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from Deputy Fire Chief Albin requesting the closure of City streets, as outlined herein, on Sunday, October 7, 2001 for the 48th Annual Fire Prevention Parade and Muster.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to approve this request.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 6 of the agenda:

Copy of a communication from Southern NH Planning Commission to the Traffic Department submitting a copy of a report with the results of the study conducted for the coordination of traffic signals at the Granite and Canal Streets arterials.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to approve and adopt the results of the study.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 7 of the agenda:

Communication from Alderman Vaillancourt suggesting a new and more suitable ordinance relating to motorcycle and other motor vehicle noise be drafted.

Alderman Pariseau moved to refer this to the City Solicitor, Police Department and Traffic to come up with an ordinance.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated maybe we can just ask the police if they believe there is any need for a stricter ordinance or is it simply an enforcement of the ordinance we now have.

Lt. Lussier replied there is a State statute pertaining to motorcycles and the noise ordinance. We recently bought two noise meters. I think before we start changing things I would recommend that we try enforcing what we have with or new meters and take it from there.

Alderman Vaillancourt moved to urge the Police Department to start enforcing the ordinance that we have. It is a major problem in the City.

Alderman Pariseau stated I would send it to those departments to let them know that we are privy to the problems and then we can receive and file it.

On motion of Alderman Vaillancourt, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to send a letter to the Police Department asking that they enforce the current ordinance regarding motorcycle and other motor vehicle noise.

Lt. Lussier stated if anybody has any particular problem like you tell me that somebody is flying down South Porter Street at certain times please give me a call and I would be more than happy to get someone out there to take enforcement action. It is much easier when we have a particular location, date and time.

Alderman Vaillancourt replied I think I did that on South Porter Street. If we are out there and notice somebody doing this would it be helpful if we get their license plate?

Lt. Lussier responded yes.

Chairman Sysyn advised that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as follows:

NEW 10-HOUR METERS (MONDAY-SATURDAY 8AM-10PM):

On Elm Street (both sides), from Auburn to Valley Streets

On West Auburn Street (both sides), from Elm to Canal Streets

On Depot Street (both sides), from Elm to Canal Streets

On Pine Street (West Side), from a point 72 feet south of Merrimack Street to a point 18 feet south - (1 space)

On Pine Street (East Side), from a point 20 feet north of Laurel Street (northback) Street to a point 22 feet northerly - (1 space)

On Chestnut Street (East Side), from Lowell Street to a point 95 feet south - (3 spaces)

On Chestnut Street, (east side) from a point 165 feet south of Lowell Street to a point 58 feet south - (3 spaces)
Alderman Levasseur

PARKING 2 HOURS 8AM-6PM AND THURSDAYS TO 9PM

(Sundays and Holidays Excluded)

On Pearl Street (north side), from Maple Street to a point 80 feet easterly
Alderman Sysyn

NO PARKING ANYTIME

On (Old) Smyth Road (both sides), from 831 (Old) Smyth Road to Smyth Road
Alderman Wihby

On Cleveland Street (north side), from a point 95 feet west of Third Street to a point 170 feet westerly
Alderman Cashin

On Hanover Street (north side), from Foch Street to Beaver Street
On Hanover Street (south side), from Michigan Avenue to the State Connecting Road (southbound)
Alderman Pinard

On Chestnut Street (East Side), from a point 95 feet south of Lowell Street to a point 70 feet south
On Chestnut Street (East Side), from a point 223 feet south of Lowell Street to Concord Street
Alderman Levasseur

On North Bay Street (West Side), from Madeline Road (northerly) to the dead end
Alderman Wihby

NO PARKING (6AM-9:30 AM)

On Notre Dame Avenue (West Side), from Putnam Street to Wayne Street
Alderman Thibault

NO PARKING LOADING ZONE

On Pine Street (East Side), from a point 250 feet north of Salmon Street to a point 20 feet northerly
Alderman Levasseur

NO PARKING LOADING ZONE 8AM-5PM MON-SAT

On Lowell Street (north side), from a point 45 feet west of Chestnut Street to a point 20 feet westerly (removal of meter #359)

Alderman Levasseur

RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME

On Pine Street (East Side), from Laurel (northback) Street to Merrimack Street

On Chestnut Street (East Side), from Lowell Street to Concord Street

Alderman Levasseur

On Belmont Street (West Side), from Bridge Street to a point 75 feet southerly

Alderman Sysyn

RESCIND NO PARKING LOADING ZONE

On Dubuque Street (East Side), from a point 140 feet north of Amory Street to a point 25 feet northerly

Alderman Thibault

STOP SIGNS

On Walker Street at Third Street (NEC, SWC)

(4-way in a school zone)

Alderman Cashin

On Allamino Street at Goffstown Road (NEC)

Alderman Hirschmann

On Concord Street at Hall Street (NEC, SWC)

(4-way school zone)

Alderman Sysyn

On Garvin Avenue at Candia Road (SEC)

Alderman Pinard

RESCIND STOP SIGNS (EMERGENCY ACT)

On Hackett Hill Road at Front Street (NEC, SWC)

Alderman Hirschmann

CROSSWALK

On South Commercial Street north of South Bedford Street

Alderman Levasseur

AUDIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS

Elm Street and Lake Avenue
Elm Street and Auburn Street
Chestnut Street and Lake Avenue
Alderman Levasseur

Foundry Street and McGregor Street
Alderman Thibault

TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Front Street and Hackett Hill Road
Alderman Hirschmann

Second Street and Queen City Avenue
(install exclusive pedestrian phase - it is now concurrent)
Alderman Cashin

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann it was voted to approve the traffic agenda as presented.

Alderman Hirschmann asked, Mr. Hoben, on Allamino Street is that a stop sign that was missing.

Mr. Hoben answered I think Tom took the call on that one. There never was a stop sign.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I was under the impression that we were putting some new signage in around Brent Street and Robert Hall Road in the Trolley Crossing area. Was that supposed to be on this agenda?

Mr. Hoben asked was that the stop sign.

Alderman Vaillancourt answered well Tom wasn't going to put a new stop sign in but he had some other signs that he was going to do down there. He had some other ideas.

Mr. Hoben replied I am not aware of that.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked could you look into that for the next meeting.

Mr. Hoben answered sure.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I had a communication that I received and Aldermen Lopez and O'Neil received it as well from the residents on Pepperidge Drive asking for more speed bumps up there.

Alderman Pariseau replied the Highway Department refuses to put more there.

Alderman Vaillancourt responded I understand but I thought we should make sure that all of the Aldermen had a copy of that communication. Part of that letter was a suggestion that we have more traffic limits up there. Did you look at that today?

Mr. Hoben replied I went down today. That came up and I spoke with Frank Thomas. I reviewed the area. It is an area of all three-way stop signs. Frank had said there was never a work order to put in a speed hump on that street because it is a short street.

Alderman Vaillancourt moved to forward the petition to the Board members and schedule this item for the next Traffic meeting.

Alderman Lopez stated I was talking to Frank Thomas and Kevin Sheppard and both of them told me and Carol you may want to check this out that there was a special committee appointed for speed bumps throughout the City because Ward 1 wanted speed bumps and Ward 2 wanted speed bumps. I think we should look into if that committee exists.

Deputy Clerk Johnson asked could someone submit the petition to the Clerk's Office please. If somebody does that we will take care of forwarding it to the Aldermen and we will place it on the next agenda. I will also look into that special study committee issue also.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 9 of the agenda:

Communication from various downtown business organizations submitting a proposed flexible parking plan for downtown as it relates to civic center events.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated I suggested that this item be moved to the special meeting that we are going to hold.

Alderman Pariseau moved to refer this item to the special meeting.

Chairman Sysyn asked when are we going to have that.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered within the next two weeks we are going to bring back that other item and we will address this one at the same time.

Alderman Hirschmann duly seconded the motion.

Chairman Sysyn called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated I am not sure if the Civic Center Committee has reviewed this either.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 10 of the agenda:

Report of the Special Committee on the Civic Center advising that it has accepted the Civic Center Parking Committee Report.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Vaillancourt, it was voted to receive and file this item.

TABLED ITEM

11. Proposed Scooter Ordinance (Tabled 04/17/01)

This item remained on the table.

Alderman Lopez stated I have spoken to Alderman Hirschmann about this and I understand the procedure is to have a study done through Southern NH Services from the Traffic Department. I ask the Committee to approve a study for lights at Bremer Street and Eddy Road. There is a new Dunkin Donuts over there and it has created a tremendous amount of traffic. They need a study over in that particular area and I have already spoken to Alderman Hirschmann. I ask that we let the Traffic Department coordinate with Southern NH Services to do a traffic study.

Alderman Pariseau replied well while we are at it I would like a traffic study down at South Beech and Bow Street and Brown Avenue.

Alderman Lopez responded well you are on the Committee so you can do that.

Alderman Pariseau stated nothing can be done and it is one of the most dangerous intersections in the City.

Alderman Lopez replied I will remind you that you are on the Committee and Southern NH Services does traffic studies for nothing for the City as long as they get approval from the Traffic Committee.

Alderman Pariseau moved that the Traffic Department ask Southern NH Services to do traffic studies on Bremer Street/Eddy Road, Brown Avenue/Beech Street and South Willow/Weston Road.

Alderman Hirschmann stated maybe we should have Mr. Hoben contact Moni Sharma or whoever it is. I have already seen the rope with the boxes that you drive over. Those were there in July, August and September. They are already on that road. Someone put those boxes on Eddy Road already. If they are there would it be you or the State?

Mr. Hoben replied I have no idea. It could be an engineering firm.

Alderman Lopez stated I am asking for the intersection of Bremer Street and Eddy Road.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Hirschmann, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee